## TRAFFIC SAFETY AND CONSTRUCTION VEHICLES

Construction projects bring more than hard hats and safety shoes into the workplace. The transport of construction vehicles and associated traffic issues require diligent safety awareness for motorists. Sometimes personal vehicles come too close to large construction vehicles or impatient drivers dart in and out of slow moving convoys. This happened recently at BNL when a motorist "broke" into a convoy and darted below the crane. This type of driving behavior puts everyone at risk. (link to article).

## Some tips for work zone safety:

- Slow down. Observe posted construction zone speed limits. Dangers still exist in work zones even if workers are not present.
- Pay attention. Traffic patterns in work zones can change several times a day. Expect the unexpected.
- Follow the signs. Flaggers, arrow boards and signs are there to help guide you safely and efficiently through the work zone.
- Don't follow too closely. Be sure to allow at least 2 seconds of time between your vehicle and the one in front of you; don't change lanes in a work zone.
- Be patient. Lane closures cause traffic to slow down well below the speed limit. Drivers should be prepared to stop if congestion is heavy or if construction equipment is being moved in the work zone.
- Turn on your headlights. Workers and other motorists driving through the work zone need to see your vehicle.

Visit the ES&H Traffic Safety webpage for traffic safety tips and information <a href="http://www.fnal.gov/pub/traffic\_safety/">http://www.fnal.gov/pub/traffic\_safety/</a>.